RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regarding Grading, GPA, and Class Rank
April 6, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Texas Governor issued Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and through this action and in accordance with Guidelines from the President ordered the temporary closure of all Texas school districts;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Austin Independent School District began closure of the district to protect the health and safety of staff and students;

WHEREAS, In light of the pandemic health crisis which resulted in a national and state order for sheltering in place and a state order closing all schools within the State of Texas through May 4, 2020, all students in the District were impacted;

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented procedures for continuity of instruction to the extent possible during the district closure;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a need exists to temporarily adjust local policy provisions addressing class rank under these circumstances to ensure fair and consistent designation of local honors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, that the District finds a substantial public purpose exists to temporarily modify Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) for the 2019-2020 school-year as follows:

1. For High School Seniors, class rank will not be calculated at the end of the sixth six-week grading period as stated in the current Board Policy EIC (LOCAL). Rather, class rank will be calculated based on the semester average at the end of the third six-week grading period of the 2019-2020 school-year, which has already been calculated and reported;

2. For all classes that began during the Spring Semester of the 2019-2020 school-year all student grades will be recorded and reported as pass or incomplete and transcripts will denote a course credit as pass or incomplete;

3. GPA calculations going forward for all High School Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors currently enrolled in the 2019-2020 school-year will not include the Spring 2020 semester. Therefore, for example, a current Freshman who completes high school within four years will have a total GPA calculated on 7 semesters, rather than 8 semesters; and
4. Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) will resume without modification in the 2020-2021 school-year with the exception of the GPA calculation impact described in Section 3 above;

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES on this 6th day of April 2020.

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